

Black Women Organized for Action
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MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 7:45p.m. by Coordinator Helynn Clemons. Prospective new members were introduced.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting - March 12, 1975 were M/S/C.

Member Jean Kresy wanted to know what happened to the detailed minutes of the previous meetings which were supposed to be available to the membership. Coordinator Lynn Clemons stated that detailed minutes will be available at our next meeting.

Committee Reports :

Fund -Raising committee - Alma Jackson reported that the Miyako hotel will be the site of the BWOA Festival on June 15, 1975 from 6-11pm. The price of admission will be \$5.00. Alma stated that we could purchase raggedy ann dolls for \$5 (this doesn't include shipping charges) for this affair. Member Jean Kresy said that another member of BWOA, Linda Pierce, wants to spearhead a workshop for possibly 2 week-ends in order to make a dozen raggedy ann dolls, but she needs help in sewing and other areas in order to accomplish this. Jean asked the body if there were interested volunteers. Member Valerie Bradley raised the question of forming a workshop committee especially since it would be easier just to buy the dolls.

Media Committee - Valerie Bradley reported that there are job vacancies at KGO radio station, but no women or minorities have been placed. She met with Jerry Johnson of KGO on this matter and plans to follow-up on their hiring process. Also, Valerie mentioned that KNBR will offer space for training women in areas that need improvement for radio positions. Valerie said that the meeting with Sonny Buxton of KDIA radio will be reported at the next meeting.

An invitation to attend the Children's Fair on April 20, 1975 was extended to the group and that BWOA will have a discussion on Black women in the media.

Education committee - Idaree Westbrook reported that the education committee is planning a summer program for children and that they met with Jim Cramer of Classroom Teachers Association to see if a school could be used for this program. The purpose of the program will be to have children supervised during the summer vacation. After much discussion about this project it was decided that the committee will continue to investigate all possibilities and draw up a report for the steering committee.

Idaree also mentioned that there is no black bi-lingual education committee and that the present bi-lingual education committee is not addressing itself to black cultural issues. After a discussion it was M/S/C that this issue be drawn up and submitted to the Steering committee for discussion.

Employment committee - Pat Walton reported that this committee is inactive and that persons should not make a commitment to serve on a committee and not fulfill it. Pat said that this committee meets on the last Thursday of each month.

Employment sub-committee report - Darlene Thompson reported that the Middle Management conference is planned for May 31, 1975. The purpose of this conference is to acquaint women with techniques in Middle Management. After much discussion on whether or not this conference had been brought before the group before tonight the coordinator suggested that a report on this conference be brought to the next steering committee meeting.

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Health committee - Peggy Day reported that the Health committee met on April 3, 1975. She said that the committee will attend a series of workshops on self-examination of their bodies so they can in turn teach other Black women. A speaker from the Women's Health center in S.F. will speak on health issues at our next meeting. Peggy asked the body to sign petitions in support of the Freedom of Choice legislation that is pending before Congress. She also mentioned the ~~several~~ several meetings of women's health issues taking place during this month.

Political Action committee - Flora Gilford reported that the fund raiser for Elaine Brown netted \$400.00. Also the International Women's Year Festival will be held at Queen Adah apts on Turk at Fillmore from 10-4pm . The admission for Adults will be \$1 and children \$.50. Flora would like people to help display their works, photo shows, films children's hour and child care will be provided. The next meeting of the Political action committee will be held 4/15/75 at 2035 Hayes. Flora asked that the body be thinking of women to be spotlighted at this affair. and that this festival is a kick-off for our ultimate goal of buying a building for BWOA.

Other Business - The letter of intent from the Credit Union will be discussed at the Steering committee .

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Cohen reported that deposits for April was \$28.50 for dues and expenditures for April is \$232.00. The Bank balance is \$2,044.68 less the \$739.00 from the Nov. 4 fund raiser brings the balance to \$1,309.36.

A motion that the Fund-raising committee set up a revolving account for committees to use and any extra money will be deposited into the general account. It was seconded and passed.

Announcements - Sammi Madison asked for approval from the body to represent BWOA on the Comprehensive Development for Youth Services . It was M/S/C/.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Coordinators: Helynn Clemons, Jacquelyn Boyette and Peggy Norris.